

Positive Alternatives 2016 - 17 Quarterly Update

Grantee (Name and city): Epiphany Caring for Life, Coon Rapids (VENDOR #195049)

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Goal: Provide women with information on, referral to, and assistance with securing pregnancy support services.

Utilize the resource database to provide information and make referrals.

For the period/quarter: April 1 to June 30, 2017

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	<p>Service Coordinator: Provide guidance to grant staff, attend required grant meetings and complete grant forms</p> <p>Financial management of grant funds and donations via Quick Books</p> <p>Schedule/report meetings with staff and/or volunteers</p> <p>Recruits, screens and trains program volunteers</p> <p>Update guidelines and protocols</p> <p>Reorganize and update the baby closet and ECL storage</p> <p>Track baby equipment supply/requests/recalls, develop resources to expand supply</p> <p>Track housing resources and emergency shelter availability.</p>		<p>Service Coordinator: Purchased and tracked distribution of supplies including pack and plays and car seats. Updated clothing resource sheet education opportunities resource sheet. Formula distribution, donation tracking, and recall tracking throughout the quarter. Attended grantee meeting on 4/25/17. Organized distribution of Easter basket for client (4/4/17). Organized and facilitated volunteer meeting 5/22/17. Moved a client from a shelter to her own apartment and delivered baby items and formula (6/2/17). Had MDH site visit (6/2/17). Scheduled ECL meeting with parish administrator, Relocated baby closet to another room due to storm damage (6/20/17).</p> <p>Client Service Advocate: Updated Care Line manual and researched new phones and plan options (5/15/17). Researched new local loss support groups (4/10/17). Co-facilitated volunteer meeting (5/22/17). Trained one new companion mentor (5/30/17). Continued tracking of grant data using filemaker</p>	

	<p>Meet with parish administration and CORE team regarding additional space and improvements to current physical space.</p> <p>Client Service Advocate:Maintain client tracking program and database. Manage care line calls, administer and review intakes. Update training manuals including care line and companion programs Coordinate companion education/training, support companions, and assess client satisfaction. Coordinate Angel Wings miscarriage support program and volunteers Maintain and update website and social media Facebook Research and apply for new fundraising options and grants Meet with parish administration and CORE team regarding additional space and improvements to current physical space.</p> <p>Support Assistant:Procure car seats, review and update baby bed and car seat applications, protocols and guidelines. Provide assistance in completing financial applications. Schedule and meet new clients regarding Safe sleep and car seat safety, and provide additional resources. Meet with clients to provide help with other county/ agency applications.</p>		<p>database software and researched new options for database software. Attended MDH site visit (6/2/17).</p> <p>Support Assistant: Presented at the Epiphany Moms Family of God group (4/6/17). The support assistant continued to review and provide support to clients in filling out applications for qualifying programs. Distributed pack and plays and sleep safety education and car seats and car seat safety education. Went to Hope 4 Youth (teen shelter) event to help fill out applications and give a presentation on ECL services (6/22/17). Helped relocate baby closet to a new space during renovation (6/20/17).</p>	
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Outreach	Increase community access and visibility. Continue community education and maintain contacts.		The service coordinator networked with Dwelling Place – Transitional housing program, to schedule tour and meeting. The client service advocate gave a presentation about ECL services at the Epiphany Vacation Bible School family night. The support assistant networked with the Cornerstone Church of Blaine to see if we could mutually benefit each other.	
Car Seat Program	Review applications and distribute car seats to qualifying clients. Provide car seat education and installation training to clients.	4	Reviewed and provided support to clients for 12 car seat applications. Distributed car seats and car seat safety education to 4 clients.	4
Case Management Services	CSA will provide initial assessment and support to incoming clients. Follow up with clients regarding need for necessary services; provide additional service information and emotional support.	50	Provided case management services to 57 clients, through follow up calls and continued mentoring. Helped 4 clients outside of Anoka County connect with pregnancy resource services. Helped 2 youth clients connect with YMCA and Hope 4 Youth services. Worked with 2 clients early in pregnancy connect with public health nurses.	57
Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education	Review applications and distribute pack and plays and cribs to qualifying clients Provide Sleep Safety Education to clients receiving baby beds. One crib per year for clients who have medical disability or twins	10 pack n plays 1 crib	Reviewed 31 pack and play applications. Distributed a pack and play and safe sleep education to 20 qualifying clients.	20
Financial Assistance/ Application Help Program	Assist clients in completing financial assistance applications within ECL and throughout the community	4	The support assistant reviewed 43 applications total. Provided 6 clients with application assistance including ECL financial application, Cradle of Hope, and WIC.	6

Hotline	Provide 24 hour care line for personal support to clients per quarter, by trained staff and volunteers	90	The CSA answered 123 calls total providing program information, referrals, and emotional support.	123
Material Support	Provide baby & maternity clothing and other baby items.	40	Seventy-five clients visited the baby closet and received material support.	75
Mentoring Programs	Provide long term support to clients through trained companions/mentors.	4	Four clients received long term support from the CSA or companion volunteers. Two clients unsure of their pregnancy options were provided with support. Two teen clients were connected with local youth homelessness shelter resources, teen pregnancy workers, and educational resources.	4
New Mother Gift Program	Provide new mother gift bags to all pregnant or mothers of newborns.	18	Provided new mother gift bags to 37 clients. Gift bags include parenting information, wipes, baby soap, pacifier, onesie, children's book or cd.	37
Nutrition	Provide baby food and formula, cub cards for formula, and/or high chairs. Provide food shelf assistance.	12	Forty-three clients received nutrition support, including formula, baby food, and/or a cub card	43
Provide Necessary Services to all clients	Provide intake assessment to determine need. Provide women with information on, referral to and assistance with securing pregnancy support services. Utilize resource database to provide information and make referrals	25	Provided an intake assessment material services and/or referral assistance to 50 clients	50

Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only	Provide intake assessment to determine need. Provide women with information on, referral to and assistance with securing pregnancy support services. Utilize resource database to provide information and make referrals	8	Provided intake assessments only and assistance through referrals to 8 clients.	8
Transportation	Provide transportation resources to clients and/or gas cards to qualified clients.	12	Fifty-eight clients received transportation resources and/or gas cards.	58

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	4
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	58
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	58
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	58
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	20
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	58

Challenges:

Comments: